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((CORRESPONDENT N. GLADKOV REPORT: "QUIET ON THE BORDER.

<> GROUNDLESSNESS OF THE MYTH OF <><>AFGHAN<><> DUSHMANS' 'INCURSIONS' ONTO USSR TERRITORY"))

<> ((TEXT)) SOUTHERN BORDER OF THE USSR -- THE COTTON FIELDS OF HERO OF SOCIALIST LABOR BAZAR RAKHMANOV'S TEAM ON TERMEZSKIY RAYON'S "40 LET OKTYABRYA" KOLKHOZ COME RIGHT UP TO THE AMUDARYA, WHICH SEPARATES THE SOVIET UNION AND <><>AFGHANISTAN<><>. SMALL SETTLEMENTS ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE ARE CLEARLY VISIBLE FROM OUR RIGHT BANK. I GLANCED CONTINUALLY IN THAT DIRECTION, WHILE THE TEAM LEADER LOOKED MORE AND MORE AT THE YOUNG COTTON SHOOTS AND SAID UNHURRIEDLY:

"OURS IS THE BIGGEST TEAM IN THE RAYON. LAST YEAR IT HANDED OVER TO THE STATE 700 TONNES OF COTTON, AND THIS YEAR WE ARE THINKING OF HANDING OVER 1,000 TONNES. THIS IS HOW OUR KOLKHOZ MEMBERS LIVE, THAT IS, WITH CONCERN FOR THE HARVEST."

THE TEAM LEADER INTRODUCED ME TO TRACTOR DRIVER A. YADGAROV. HE WAS ALREADY CULTIVATING HIS PLOT FOR THE SECOND TIME. NEARBY HIS COMRADE D. ALLASERDYEV WAS CUTTING IRRIGATION FURROWS. IRRIGATION WORKERS D. AGAMAMETOV, T. BABAMURADOV, AND S. IMAMOV HAD JUST LET WATER INTO THE FIELDS AND WERE NOW SEEING THAT IT DID NOT WASH AWAY

THE ROWS BUT REACHED EVERY LITTLE COTTON BUSH. A LARGE GROUP OF WOMEN WAS THINNING OUT THE CROPS. IT WAS CLEAR FROM THE WAY PEOPLE WERE WORKING CALMLY AND ASSUREDLY THAT THE PROXIMITY OF THE BORDER DID NOT WORRY THEM.

D. ABDULKHAKIMOV, FIRST SECRETARY OF TERMEZSKIY PARTY RAYKOM, <> SAID THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF ONE OF <><>AFGHANISTAN<><>'S NORTHERN PROVINCES RECENTLY VISITED THE RAYON. THEY FAMILIARIZED THEMSELVES WITH THE WORK OF THE VILLAGE SOVIET, INSPECTED FIELDS AND LIVESTOCK UNITS, VISITED KOLKHOZ MEMBERS' HOMES, AND WERE INVITED TO A WEDDING ON THE ZHDANOV KOLKHOZ. THEY AGREED THAT SUCH MEETINGS WOULD BE HELD MORE FREQUENTLY.

IN THE COURSE OF 3 DAYS I VISITED MANY FARMS IN THE BORDER ZONE OF UZBEKISTAN AND TAJIKISTAN. AND I SAW EVERYWHERE THE SAME PICTURE OF A REGULAR LIFE FILLED WITH ROUTINE WORKDAYS. IN GAGARINSKIY RAYON, IN THE FLOODPLAIN OF THE AMUDARYA, FOR EXAMPLE, THERE ARE THREE RICE-GROWING SOVKHOZES -- THE PRAVDA, ISKRA, AND SHALIKOR. I DROVE ROUND ALMOST ALL THE PRAVDA SOVKHOZ LANDS WITH T. KHUSHBAKOV, ITS DIRECTOR. IN THE SETTLEMENT OF GAGARINO I MET WITH THE DIRECTORS OF THE ISKRA AND SHALIKOR SOVKHOZES, THE RAYON'S LEADERS, AND FARMERS.

YES, THE BORDER IS NEARBY, BUT THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE ARE CONFIDENT THAT ANY SALLY FROM THE OTHER SIDE, IF THEY DARED TO CARRY ONE OUT, WOULD BE NIPPED IN THE BUD. THERE HAVE BEEN DUSHMAN <> ATTEMPTS TO CARRY OUT PROVOCATIVE SALLIES ON THE <><>AFGHAN-SOVIET<><> BORDER. AND EVERYONE KNOWS HOW THEY ENDED -- IN A CRUSHING DEFEAT FOR THE PROVOCATEURS.

"IT IS THIS CONFIDENCE," K. BABAKULOV, SECRETARY OF SURKHAN-DARYA PARTY OBKOM, SAID, "THAT ENABLES OUR FARMERS TO GET ON CALMLY WITH THEIR USUAL BUSINESS."

I VISITED BORDER GUARDS AND TALKED WITH OFFICERS, JUNIOR COMMANDERS, AND PRIVATES. AND EACH ONE BELIEVES THAT THE COUNTRY'S SOUTHERN BORDER HAS ALWAYS BEEN AND WILL BE SACRED AND INVIOABLE.

ON WHAT IS THIS CONFIDENCE FOUNDED?

"FIRST," MAJOR V. SAMOKHIN, CHIEF OF STAFF OF A BORDER UNIT, SAID, "WE HAVE THE WHEREWITHAL TO ENSURE THE BORDER'S SECURITY. AND SECOND, WE HAVE THE PEOPLE TO SUPPRESS ANY ENEMY INTRIGUES. THE RESULTS OF SOCIALIST COMPETITION IN THE UNIT WERE SUMMED UP RECENTLY. THEY SHOWED THAT THERE HAS RECENTLY BEEN A CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENT IN THE PERSONNEL'S PHYSICAL TRAINING AND COMBAT COORDINATION. THE FACT THAT 20 PRIVATES AND COMMANDERS IN JUST ONE SUBUNIT WERE RECENTLY PRESENTED WITH GOVERNMENT AWARDS SAYS A GREAT DEAL. ONE-THIRD OF THE UNIT'S PERSONNEL HAVE EXCELLENT RESULTS IN COMBAT AND POLITICAL TRAINING, AND HALF WEAR THE 'EXCELLENT BORDER GUARD' BADGE. EACH ONE IS READY TO FULFILL HIS DUTY BOTH AS A SOLDIER AND AS A CITIZEN OF THE SOVIET COUNTRY."

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((TEXT)) "CONTRARY TO U.S. PROPAGANDA CLAIMS, THERE HAVE BEEN NO 'DUSHMAN INCURSIONS' ONTO SOVIET TERRITORY EITHER IN OUR SECTOR OR IN NEIGHBORING SECTORS," S. BOGINYA, CHIEF OF A BORDER POST, SAID.

"NOR WILL THERE BE," MASTER SERGEANT YU. SHISHINOK ADDED. "WE ARE CAPABLE OF ENSURING THE BORDER'S INVIOABILITY AND WILL DO SO."

"ALL OUR INHABITANTS CONSIDER THEMSELVES BORDER GUARDS, AND EACH ONE IS READY TO COME TO THE ASSISTANCE OF THE SOLDIERS IN GREEN CAPS," S. MAMARASULOV, FIRST SECRETARY OF SURKHAN-DARYA PARTY OBKOM, SAID.

"BORDER DETAIL RETURNED FROM GUARDING THE USSR STATE BORDER. NO SIGNS OF A VIOLATION OF THE STATE BORDER DETECTED WHILE ON DUTY," JUNIOR SERGEANT V. VOROBYEV, DETAIL LEADER, REPORTED TO THE CHIEF OF THE POST.

SIMILAR REPORTS CAME IN FROM THE POSTS. SUMMING THEM UP, MAJ V. SAMOKHIN, BORDER UNIT CHIEF OF STAFF, REPORTED TO HIS SUPERIORS IN MY PRESENCE: "THERE HAVE BEEN NO INCIDENTS."

THE ALLEGATIONS RECENTLY DISSEMINATED BY CERTAIN AMERICAN  
<> PUBLICATIONS THAT ARMED GANGS FROM <><>AFGHANISTAN<><> CROSS THE BORDER WITH THE SOVIET UNION ALMOST REGULARLY ARE NOTHING BUT PITIFUL.

ATTEMPTS TO PASS OFF WHAT IS DESIRED AS SOMETHING REAL, DUSHMAN  
STORIES THAT HAVE BEEN PICKED UP IN AN ANTI-SOVIET PROPAGANDA  
ECSTASY. AND MY CONVERSATION ABOUT THIS WITH THOSE WHOM I MET IN  
THE BORDER ZONE MERELY BEWILDERED THEM AND MADE THEM SMILE.  
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